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CROSS-SECTORAL ISSUES

China and Ghana*: draft decision

Financial resources

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77.

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The Preparatory Committee recalling General Assembly resolution 44/228,

Decides that the consideration of the item on financial resources, at its Fourth Session, should include the following elements:

(a) Provision of adequate funding, covering the full incremental costs and not entailing any reallocation of ongoing or required developmental programmes from the developing countries' own resources; new and additional funding, in that there is no reallocation of existing multilateral or bilateral financial flows for development purposes.

(b) There should be a separate fund for each convention, or proposed convention.

(c) There should be a general Fund (Fund for the Promotion of Sustainable Development/Green Fund) to cover activities not included in separate conventions. This Fund should be separate from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and should serve the sustainable development needs of developing countries, including Agenda 21. Predictability in the flow of funds should be guaranteed by mandatory contributions from developed countries, in accordance with their responsibilities.

(d) The governance of the funding mechanisms should be transparent; democratic in nature; with an equal voice for all parties; with access to all developing countries without any conditionality; and provide for funding of activities according to the priority of the developing countries, taking into account the priorities identified in Agenda 21.

(e) These funds from the developed countries to developing countries will be to a great extent of a compensatory nature.

(f) The notion of "partnership in additionality" is to be understood as a commitment to provide new and additional financial resources to developing countries, for meeting, inter alia, the commitments under Agenda 21, and other sustainable development concerns.

(g) The need for a supportive international economic environment which promotes economic growth and development, particularly in developing countries, inter alia, through various ways such as market access, terms of trade, remunerative commodity prices, transfer of technology on preferential and non-commercial terms, addressing efficiently and urgently debt problems and alleviation of poverty.